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Baptist Association

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Clear Creek Church

Winston County, Ala.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The 26th Annual Session of the Clear Creek Baptist Association convened with Clear Creek Baptist Church, Winston county Ala., Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1900

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. W. M. Hicks. Text, Eph., 3: 10, which proved to be an elaborate portrayal of the establishment of the Church of Christ; after which an intermission was given for refreshments.

Then re-assembled in Church house. House called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by B. F. Shank.

The moderator appointed N. H. Estes, Clerk pro tempore, and then declared the association ready for business.

The names of the churches composing the Clear Creek Baptist Association were called by the moderator. The letters from the churches were placed on the table by the delegates bearing the same. G. B. Lester and W. A. McCullar were appointed reading clerks and proceeded to read the letters.

Churches and delegates enrolled as follows:

—FIRST DISTRICT—

Union Grove—G. W. Davis, B. Weaver, A. J. Lovelady.
Sardis, No. 1,—C. F. Lindsey, J. C. Cockerell, C. A. League.
Rock Creek—G. W. Taylor, W. B. Hicks, J. N. Curtis.
Macedonia—T. P. Southerland, J. W. Pugh, W. H. Hicks,
Liberty Grove—J. K. P. Taylor, A. G. Taylor H. K. Oden.
Shiloh—H. W. Whitman, R. W. Hood, B. Riddle,
New Prospect—J. H. Stephens, J. A. Defore, M. W. Barber,
Gum Poud—W. H. Camp, A. L. Anderson, J. M. Blankinship.
Concord—T. I. Sims, J. P. Winters, J. C. Dupree.
Low Gap—J. M. Ward, Jr., L. S. Butler, J. D. Butler,
Bethel, No. 2—W. L. Hicks, R. O. Hicks, J. D. Hicks,
Salem—B. F. Shank, K. C. Crow, W. A. Walker,
Pleasant Hill—C. Ballinger, F. M. Martin, J. M. Martin,
Clear Creek—H. L. McCrary, J. J. McCrary, G. A. Rhodes,
Trinity—M. C. Howard, John Southern, James Howard,

—SECOND DISTRICT—

Houston—A. J. Scogiu, T. D. Wilson, J. J. Sargent,
Nebo—J. R. Cobb, R. J. Dollar, M. N. Towers,
Fairview—S. McCollum, S. P. Vanderver, G. W. McCollum,
Corinth—G. W. Hilton, J. P. Wise, W. W. Cooper,
Blooming Grove—N. H. Estes, J. H. Smith, J. M. Abbott,
Oak Grove, No 1—N. N. McCullar, J. S. Smith, N. S. Reeve,
Mt. Zion—T. S. Ivey, R. B. Williams, Walter Roddam,
Friendship—T. J. Kelley, J. B. Sims, L. W. Hays,

Enmonfield—D. H. Griggs, H. B. Welborn, C. M. White,
Bethlehem, No 1—W. P. Selter, W. E. Williams, J. H. Smith,
Mt. Pleasant—G. B. Lester, J. M. Teakell, W. J. Persoll,
Union Chappell—A. L. Manasco, Wm. Garrison, J. B. Cantrell,
Mt Olive—R. H. Hill, F. M. Revis,
Oak Grove No 2—J. G. Lovelady, T. W. Cooper, W. A. McCullar,
Mt. Pisgah, No 1—R. H. Hill, W. D. Cates, T. S. Robinson,
Mt Lebanon—S. D. Pruett, J. R. Anderson, H. A. McDowell,
Bethel No 1—G. W. Gibson, Thos. Burrell,

Called for petitionary letters—received the following, borne by the delegates named:

Refuge—W. N. Dodd, S. J. Garrett, B. W. Dupree,
Mt. Vernon—W. B. Durham, J. Drummond, J. M. Herron,
Beulah—J R Hays, H B Bishop, J E Stevenson,

The three churches named being constituted according to Baptist Faith and practice, were admitted into the body and the right hand of Fellowship extended to all the delegates bearing the petitionary letters, and invited to seats among the body, by the moderator.

The body then proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk—which resulted in the choice of Eld T P Sutherland, Moderator, and W. A. McCullar, Clerk.

Received Correspondence from Shady Grove Association—Bro J. W. Spear.

The Moderator then appointed the following Committees:

COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS—W. M. Hicks, J. O Cockrell, J. B. Stephenson

COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISE—K. O. Crow, J. A. Defore, T. S. Robinson with the Deacons of Clear Creek Church.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISE—W. H. Hicks to preach at night; B. F. Shank, alternate,

Motion made and carried to adjourn until Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

—SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.—

Body called to order and prayer by the moderator.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

FINANCE—W. E. Williams, G. W. Taylor, J. S. Smith,

NOMINATIONS—J. J. McCrary, N. H. Estes, M. W. Barber.

CREDENTIALS—M. G. Howard, T. S. Robinson, W. M. Hicks,

AGED MINISTERS—J. P. Winters, J. O. Cockrell, L. W. Hays,

Then the following Reports were read and adopted:

Report on Nominations

We, your Committee on Nominations report: Eld. T. P. Sutherland to preach the introductory sermon at the next Association, and Eld. G. W. Davis, alternate. N. H. Estes, Chairman.

Report on Aged Ministers.

We, your Committee on Aged Ministers have made a thorough investigation and find the following brethren in the bounds of this Association viz: David Carroll, Amos, Ala; W. L. Hix, Delmar, Ala; and T. M. Martin, Ballenger, Ala. We recommend that the Association assist these dear old brethren, and that the pastors of the different churches lay the matter before their respective churches and urge them to send a liberal contribution to these brethren. Respectfully submitted.

J. C. COCKRELL, Chairman.

NOTE—At the close of the discussion of the above report, a public collection was taken for the benefit of these aged ministers and \$8.18 was cheerfully laid on the table, which, together with the amount sent from the different churches, and the balance from last year made an aggregate of \$13.13.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions submit the following report: When we consider the increasing population of our country and the numerous immigrants crowding upon our shores, it should awaken us to a realization of our responsibility to meet these people with the true gospel of Jesus as they come from foreign lands. There are those, too, of our own native people without the gospel, needing our help.

Will you as Baptists turn a listening ear to their cry, and when you hear heed, and when you heed respond, and as we consider that we are the people who are responsible to the God of Heaven in this matter, may He bless the home mission work. Brethren, we must remember that there is a great need for more home missions. May God bless our labors in the field.

J. A. DEFORE, Chairman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee on State Missions, report the following:—As mission is a bible doctrine, we therefore advise our brethren to do what they can for State Missions as the Gospel was to be preached first at Jerusalem and then to the uttermost parts of the world. We hope the time will soon come when the brethren will come to the front and do better along this line than we have done in the past.

Respectfully submitted, J. C. COCKRELL, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, report the following:

The Lord, He is God. He has all power and wisdom. The work of missions is God's. The nations are in His hands. The hearts of the rulers turn at His will. Opposition falls away at his command, and nothing is too hard for Him. Man is very weak. He can do nothing of himself, and his best effort are futile and vain, and he can turn no heart from sin. All the power comes from God. But God invites weak man to participate in His power. He wants us to take hold upon His arm whence all His strength becomes ours. If we ask in faith, He knocks open the doors of nations, breaks down the bars of prisons, raises up men and women to go to the farthest bounds of the earth, opens hearts and hands to furnish the means, opens hearts and hands to make preparation, fills the hearts of preachers to minister the Gospel, and the hearts of the

heathen to receive it. Oh! We have a wonderful God who has infinite power and in love he calls us to share his power with him: "And Jesus spake unto them saying. 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, etc.'"—Mat. 28: 18-20.

He does not send us forth as the subjects of a petty chief whose sceptre has departed, but as the servants of the King of kings and Lord of hosts, the one in whom resides all power. The only time that Christ ever deliberately SUMMED UP ALL HIS POWER, HE did so that He might formally and officially put it into missions.

Can Christ's power fail? Can the pillars of heaven and the foundations of His throne fail? There may come temporary reverses and apparent failures in the work; but "One day is with the Lord as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day."—2 Pet. 3:8.

The kings and rulers of the earth may take council against Christ but the eternal decree is, "The Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten Thee." "Ask of me and I will give Thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession.—Ps. 2:7, 8.

The final victory is as sure as God's eternal decrees.

At the sounding of the seventh angel there will be great voices in heaven, saying "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever."—Rev. 11:15.

Dear Brethren of the Clear Creek Baptist Association: In God's name and for God's glory let us go forward to do God's will, and let Anti-missionaries, Omission-aries, the timid-hearted, the fearful and the selfish help or keep quiet, but, let the earnest, the courageous and the consecrated, go forward until the world is brought to Christ.

G. W. HILTON, Chairman.

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REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following for your consideration: First, the Bible teaches us to be temperate in all things, but we call your special attention to the use of intoxicating drinks. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to abstain from the use of all intoxicating spirits as a beverage. We also believe it to be the duty of all churches to discipline any member who is in the habit of using alcoholic spirits as a beverage, because moderate drinking tends towards drunkenness while total abstinence from it.

While no one means to become a drunkard, there is reported to be over 600,000 confirmed drunkards in our country today.

The idea of moderate drinking is full of deceit, and our estimate of the power of our own will is usually a mistaken one.

The drinking habit is the cause of a larger portion of the misery, poverty and crimes in our land. It sows the seed of discord, brings reproach upon the Church of Jesus Christ, ruins homes, makes widows of our wives and mothers, and orphan children in great numbers. It fills drunkard's graves and populates hell with the most miserable of all creatures.

It is the foundation of nine-tenths of all the crimes committed, and it costs more than our food, clothes, and the printing of our books and papers. There are thousands of dollars spent annually for the prosecution and punishment of crimes caused by whiskey. "Be ye not deceived. God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Lust, when it is conceived brings forth sin, and sin, when it is finished brings forth death. Therefore we recommend a strong effort be made on the part of the churches to put down the monster evil.

N. H. ESTES, Chairman.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools report, that there are only 10 of the 34 churches which report flourishing Sabbath Schools. We have no doubt there are more, but churches have failed to report them. The proposed Sunday School Association failed to materialize for lack of interest. It pains your committee that it cannot make a more encouraging report. We recommend that each church in this body organize a good Sabbath School—as we believe a Sunday School can be run in any community where a church can be organized.

L. A. COMENS, Chairman.

REPORT ON VOCAL MUSIC.

We, your Committee on Vocal Music submit: That in some parts of our bounds we find a lively interest manifested in vocal music. Several churches have had good singing schools since our last meeting. We recommend that the churches encourage singing schools by competent teachers. With reference to text books, we recommend Crowning Day, or some similar work in connection with the Sacred Harp. Our hopes for music in the future is in our young people and we find it difficult to interest the young people in an old music book.

Respectfully submitted, L. H. DAVIS, Chairman.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education submit the following: God has made man susceptible to his divine knowledge and power, and therefore we advise the brethren of our Association to do all they can for the education of their children.

Respectfully submitted,
A. L. MANASCO, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Documents was received, discussed and tabled without being adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, submit the following: When a person undertakes to expound the Word of God, truly he has a great responsibility resting upon him. It is therefore very necessary that he should have a well rounded education, especially so in the use and construction of language.

When thus equipped he can readily simplify his discourse and thereby accomplish more good among the people than otherwise. We do not believe any person should be educated for the ministry exclusively, until he has received the divine call to this work, then his education will be an invaluable aid in his heavenly calling.

We therefore urge upon the members of this Association, the necessity of an educated, heaven called ministry. Respectfully submitted,
W. P. SALTER, Chairman.

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REPORT OF FIRST DISTRICT.

The next meeting of this body will convene with Salem Church, Winston county, Ala., on Friday before the First Sunday in August 1901. Eld G. W. Davis to preach the Introductory Sermon; Eld T. P. Sutherland, alternate.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION: 1. What is the best system for the Churches of this District to adopt to pay their pastors? Discussion opened by G. W. Davis. 2. Does the Bible teach that the five foolish virgins spoken of in Mat., 25-2 were in a saved state at the appearing of the bridegroom or not? Discussion opened by H. L. McCrary.

2. Of what importance was the Transfiguration to the disciples who saw it? Discussion opened by T. P. Sutherland.

W. R. Long, J. J. McCrary, H. B. Sims, J. T. Bailey, B. J. Weaver and L. A. Comens were appointed to draft the queries to be reported at the next meeting of this body. G. W. DAVIS, Moderator.

L. A. COMENS, Clerk.

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REPORT OF SECOND DISTRICT.

The next Association will convene with Oak Grove, No. 1, on Friday before the 1st Sunday in Oct. 1901. The next meeting of this District will convene at Bethlehem No 1., Friday before the 4th Sunday in August 1901. The 5th Sunday Meetings are as follows:

Corinth, Friday, before the 5th Sunday in March 1901.

Mt. Pisgah No. 1, Friday before the 5th Sunday in June 1901.

Mt. Pleasant, Friday before the 5th Sunday in Sept. 1901.

G. W. HILTON, Moderator.

JAMES A. SCOGIN, Clerk.

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STANDING COMMITTEES:

HOME MISSIONS—J. H. Stephens, J. K. P. Taylor, L. A. Comens;

STATE MISSIONS—N. H. Estes, H. L. McCrary, M. W. Barber,

FOREIGN MISSIONS—B. F. Shanks, J. P. Winters, G. W. Davis,

VOCAL MUSIC—L. H. Davis, J. F. Curtis, H. S. Curtis;

SABBATH SCHOOLS—L. H. Davis, L. A. Comens, J. J. Duncan;

EDUCATION—J. C. Cockrell, N. N. McCullar, T. S. Kuykendall;

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—G. W. Hilton, W. P. Saiter, S. McCollum;

TEMPERANCE—J. N. Curtis, R. H. Hill, G. W. Shipman.

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Report of Committee on Credentials.

ORDAINED MINISTERS—W. W. Davis, G. W. Davis, H. L. McCrary, Deer; B. F. Shank, Natural Bridge; W. Dailey, and W. G. Towers, Addison; D. H. Griggs and T. J. Kelly, Upshaw; J. C. Cooper, W. W. Lester and T. S. Kuykendall, Motes; J. K. P. Taylor, Biler; T. M. Martin, Ballenger; David Carrol, Amos; T. P. Southerland, Haleyville; J. W. O'Kelly, Igoburg; J. T. Harris, Ashridge; W. L. Hicks, Delmar; G. W. Gibson, and Thos Burrell, Melville; T. D. Wilson and R. H. Blake, Houston; G. W. Little, and J. W. M. White, Pool; J. G. Loyelady, Elk; R. B. Welborn, Peak's Mill; R. H. Hill, Peak's Mill; John Wakefield, Moulton;

LICENTIATES—J. W. Griggs, Upshaw; J. M. Taylor and G. A. Rhodes, Biler; J. Sutherland, and N. J. Drewry, Haleyville; R. F. Estes, Marylee.

M. C. HOWARD, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee as follows:

Minute funds,	\$25.06
Associational funds,	6.78
Home Missions,	6.76
State "	.35
Foreign "	11.37
Aged Ministers,	1.25

Total, \$ 51.57

Turned over \$1.25 Aged Minister fund to my successor.

J. D. RUTLEDGE, Treasurer.

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REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received, Minute fund,	\$ 24.35;
Associational fund,	5.50;
Aged Ministers,	3.70;
Home Missions,	2.55;
State Missions,	.10;
Foreign Missions,	5.90;
Orphan's Home,	2.75;
Unappropriated fund,	.80;

Total, \$45.15.

W. E. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

The Moderator appointed W. A. McCullar, Treasurer, for the ensuing year.

Motion made and carried that the Clerk have 800 minutes printed and to pay for the same with the minute funds, and that the Clerk have the Associational fund for services, and that the Baptist Declaration of Faith and Rules of Decorum be hereafter printed in the minutes until otherwise ordered.

Appointed correspondence as follows: To Sulphur Springs — G. W. Gibson N. H. Estes, David Best. To Cullman Association — D. H. Griggs, T. J. Kelly, O. T. Morgan. To Shady Grove Association — J. K. P. Taylor, T. P. Southerland, A. L. Anderson.

Mt. Lebanon and Gum Pond Churches were granted letters of dismission.

RESOLUTION.—Resolved: That we tender our thanks to Clear Creek Church and vicinity for the kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay among them.—N. H. Estes.

Adjourned to meet with Oak Grove No. 1, Friday before the first Sabbath in Oct. 1901.

T. P. SOUTHERLAND, Moderator,

W. A. McCULLAR, Clerk.

Rules of Decorum.

- 1st. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer:
- 2nd. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall arise to his feet and address the Moderator.
- 3rd. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the question, or uses words of personal reflection.
- 4th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under consideration of the Association, except withdrawn by him who made it.
- 5th. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.
- 6th. When any question is taken up by the Association, after allowing time for debate the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, or otherwise; and the decision thus made shall be announced by the Moderator immediately.
- 7th. No person shall depart from the Association without leave of the Moderator.
- 8th. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave obtained.
- 9th. The appellation of brother shall be used in our address one to another.
- 10th. The Moderator shall be entitled to the privileges as any other member, provided he appoints some other member to fill his seat while he is talking or otherwise, but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.
- 11th. Any member violating the above rules may be reproved as the Association thinks proper, only on the day the offense shall have occurred.

Order of Business.

- I Introductory sermon.
- II Intermission.
- III Call Association to order.
- IV Call the names of the Churches.
- V. Read letters and enroll delegate's names.
- VI Election of officers.
- VII Call for petitionary letters.
- VIII Call for correspondence—Inviting visiting brethren.
- IX Appoint Committee on Devotional Exercise.
- X Appoint Committees on Finance and Nominations.
- XI Read report of Committee on Devotional Exercise
- XII Appoint the following committees: 1st, On Credentials—2nd, Aged Ministers—3rd, Home Missions,—4th, State Missions,—5th, Foreign Missions,—6th, Temperance,—7th, Sabbath Schools,—8th, Vocal Music,—9th, Education,—10th, Documents.
- XIII Miscellaneous business and Missionary's report.
- XIV Read Treasurer's report and appoint Treasurer.
- XV Call for reports of Committees in the order appointed.
- XVI Appoint correspondence.
- XVII Read minutes—Call roll—Adjourn.

Declaration of Baptist Faith

1. **ON THE SCRIPTURES**.—We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction that it had God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian Union, the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

2. **OF THE TRUE GOD**.—That there is one true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme ruler of Heaven and earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; revealed under the personal and relative distinction of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct, but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption,

3. **OF THE FALL OF MAN**.—That man was created an intelligent, finite being under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan and of their own sinful passions, and therefore just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

4. **OF THE WAY OF SALVATION**.—That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took upon Him our nature, yet without sin; honored the law by His personal obedience and made atonement for our sins by His death, being arisen from the dead, He is enthroned in heaven, and uniting in His wonderful person tenderest sympathies with divine perfection is in every way qualified to be a suitable, and all sufficient Savior.

5. **OF JUSTIFICATION**.—That the great Gospel Blessing, which Christ in His fullness bestows on such as believe in Him, is justification; that justification consist in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life, on principals of righteousness, that it is not bestowed in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done but solely through its own righteousness, that it brings into a state of blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

6. **OF GRACE IN REGENERATION**.—That in order to be saved we must be regenerated and born again, that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition; the mind and heart is affected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

7. **OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE**.—That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners that being perfectly consistent with the moral agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable, that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree that it is ascertained by its effect on all who believe the gospel; it is the foundation of christian assurance and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

8. **OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS.**—That such only are real believers as endure to the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the Grand Mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept the power of God through faith unto salvation.

9. **HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.**—That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen man to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of His visible Church.

10. **OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.**—That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel, observing the ordinance of Christ; governed by His laws and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word: that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles to Timothy and Titus.

11. **OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.**—That Christain Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit; to show forth in a solemn beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified, buried and risen Savior; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded by solemn self-examination, and that none have the right to administer it, only such as are called, qualified and come under the hands of the Presbytery.

12. **OF CHRISTIAN SABBATH.**—That the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation, by devout observance of all the means of grace both private and public, and by preparation for that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

13. **OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.**—That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of the Lord of conscience, and Prince of the kings of earth.

14. **OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND WICKED.**—There is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and wicked: that such as only through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified through the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in His esteem, while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse, and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

15. **OF THE WORLD TO COME.**—That the end of the world is approaching and that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the graves to final retribution: that a separation will then take place; that the righteous will be adjudged to endless joy, and the wicked to endless punishment and that this judgement will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

16. That Saints ought to wash each other's feet.

— Church Statistics —

CHURCHES:	PASTORS:	CLERKS	CLERK'S POST-OFFICE	Increase Decrease					Present membership	Sun meetings	SS enrolment
UNION GROVE, SARDIS, No 1.	G. W. Davis,	L. H. Davis,	Biller	Let'ter	Restor t'n	Letter	Exclusi'n	Erasure	Death	4 60	2 59
ROCK CREEK, MACEDONIA,	G. W. Davis,	G. B. Barton,	Lynn	2 5	6	3 2 3 1	3 2 3 1	1		89	74
LIBERTY GROVE,	T. S. Kuykendall	J. N. Curtis,	Double Springs	2 2	2 2	3 0 5	3 0 1			82	3 3
SHILOH,	T. P. Sutherland	J. T. Hackett,	Biller	2 2	1	2 2	2 2			56	3 2
NEW PROSPECT,	T. P. Sutherland	A. G. Taylor,	Kinlock	16	1	2 2	2 2			77	4 1
GUM POND,	J. no. Sutherland	R. W. Hood,	Haleyville	7 1	3 3	2 2	2 2			134	1 4
CONCORD,	W. H. Camp	J. H. Stephens,	Cole	4 4	1 1	3 3	3 3			25	4 3
LOW GAP,	B. F. Shank,	J. W. Threadgill	Natural Bridge	5 5	1 1	1 1	1 1			52	3 4
BETHELM, No 2	L. M. Taylor,	J. M. Ward, Jr.	Haleyville	16 1	1 1	1 1	1 1			19	4 4
SALEM,	W. N. Taylor,	R. O. Hicks,	Delmar,							9	2 2
PLEASANT HILL,	B. F. Shank,	W. A. Walker,	Lynn							81	4 30
CLEAR CREEK,	T. S. Kuykendall	Geo. Balingier	Ballenger							13	1 4
TRINITY,	H. L. McCrary,	J. J. McCrary,	Deer,	8 11	8 4	5 3	5 3			31	4 4
Houston,		M. C. Howard,	Hodge	5 5	3 3	3 3	3 3			73	4 4
Nebo,	B. F. Shank,	A. J. Seogin,	Houston,	21 3	3 24	3 2	3 2			59	4 1
Fairview,	D. H. Griggs,	M. N. Towere,	Addison	5 1	3 3	3 3	3 3			14	1 248
Corinth,	W. W. Lester,	J. H. McCollum	Double Springs	5 3	3 3	3 3	3 3			40	2 3
Blooming Grove,	J. C. Cooper,	N. H. McCullar,	Mar'lee	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3			87	3 2
Oak Grove, No 1,	G. W. Gibson,	H. T. Estes,	Motes,	3 3	3 3	3 3	3 3			75	2 2
Mt. Zion,	J. C. Cooper,	N. S. Reeves,	Motes,							34	2 2
Friendship,	J. G. Lovelady,	T. S. Ivey,	Elk,							33	3 3
Ennonfield,	T. J. Kelly,	J. B. Sims,	Upshaw							61	1 1
Bethlehem, No 1,	J. W. Hood,	W. C. Elam,	Tavern,							30	4 1
Mt. Pleasant,	G. W. Gibson,	W. E. Williams,	Elk	8 1	5 1	1 1	1 1			50	1 1
Union Chappell,	H. D. Rainwater,	A. W. Lester,	Nesmith	4 5	4 5	1 2	1 2			41	1 1
Mt. Olive,	J. T. Thompson	A. L. Manasco	Cranal							21	320
Oak Grove No 2	R. H. Hill,	L. T. Steele,	Gum Pond	1 1	1 1	6 5	6 5			12	74
Mt Pisgah, No 1,	R. H. Blake,	W. A. McCullar,	Motes	8 2	10 9	7 1	7 1			25	3 3
Mt Lebanon,	R. H. Hill,	D. Blevins,	Peak's Mill	6 1	9 1	2 2	2 2			35	2 2
Bethel, No 1,	W. H. Camp,	T. A. Sutherland	Moulton	9 1	2 2	3 3	3 3			21	4 1
REFUGE,	W. Daily,	J. D. Rutledge,	Melville							22	1 1
Mt. VERNON,	H. L. McCrary,	J. R. Barnett,	Marylee	6 14	6 14					32	4 4
BRULAH,	W. Daily,	J. M. Herron,	Kirby								
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Pleasant Hill,				45				
Clear Creek,	15	10		25				
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Houston,	25	20	80	1.00				
Nebo,	20	25		1.00				
Fairview,		15		35				
Corinth,	2.00			65		27.00	2.40	
Blooming Grove	25	25	60	90		35.00	4.50	
Oak Grove No 1,	50			1.00	45			
Mt. Zion,		15	25	60				
Friendship	25		70	50	10			
Enmonfield,		50		50		3.00	5.70	
Bethlehem No 1,	1.25			35	50			
Mt. Pleasant	1.35	25		1.00		16.00		
Union Chappell,		10		45	15	12.00		
Mt. Olive,		15		45				
Oak Grove No 2,	50	20		40	50	12.50	1.20	
Mt. Pisgah, No 1	50	41		50	40			
Mt. Lebanon,		25		55	25			
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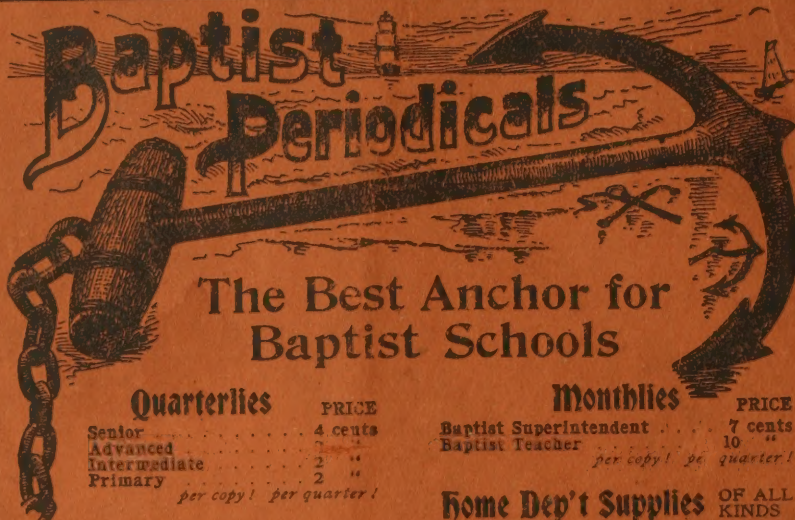
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